

SPECIAL CELEBRATION ISSUE



SNIFF!
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BUSTER'S

BIG
YEAR

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EVERY MONDAY
1st AUGUST, 1981

Every
Happiness
to Charles
and Diana

BUSTER'S DIARY

Ours was the only house in the road
without any decorations...



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But Mum opened the door just
as I was painting the red bits...

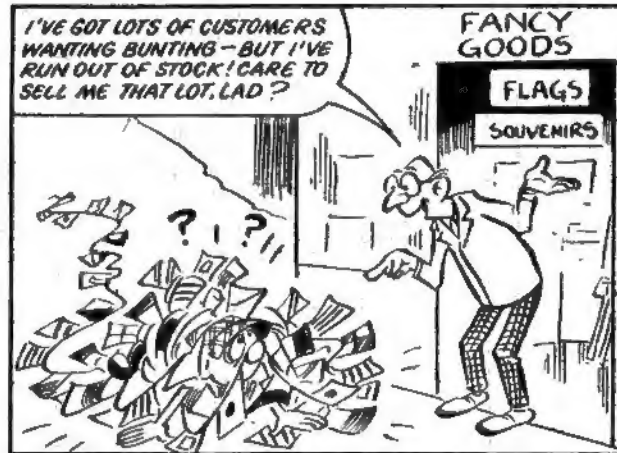
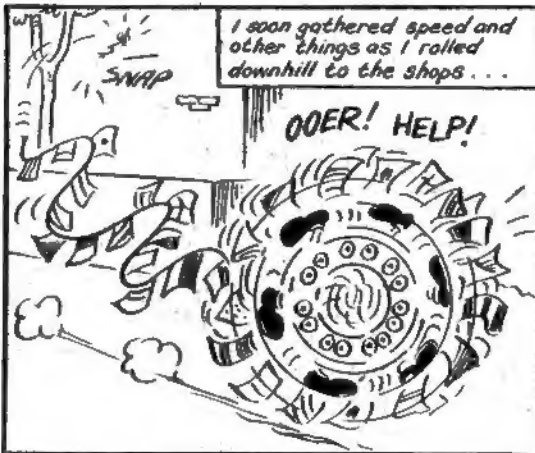


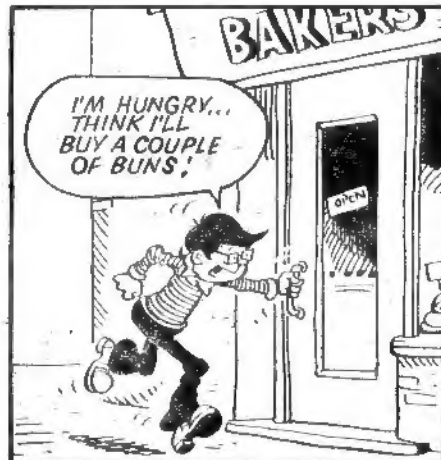
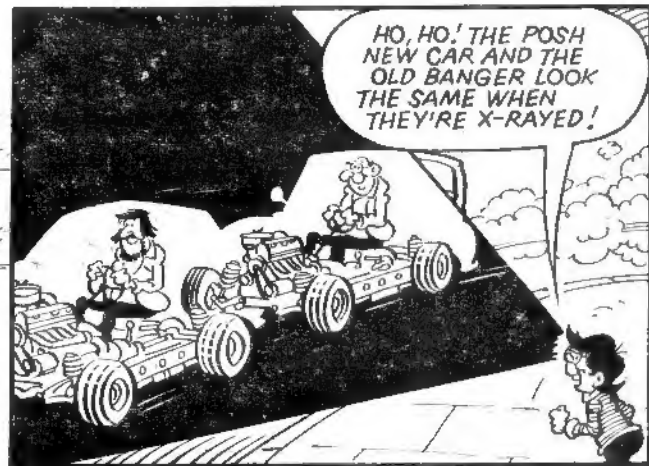
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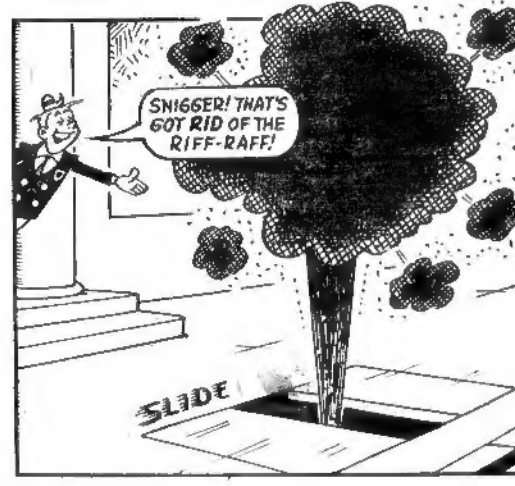
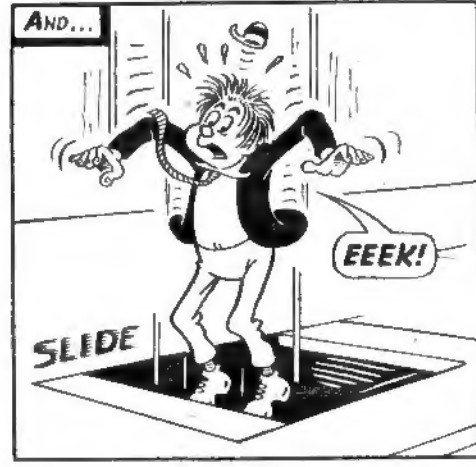
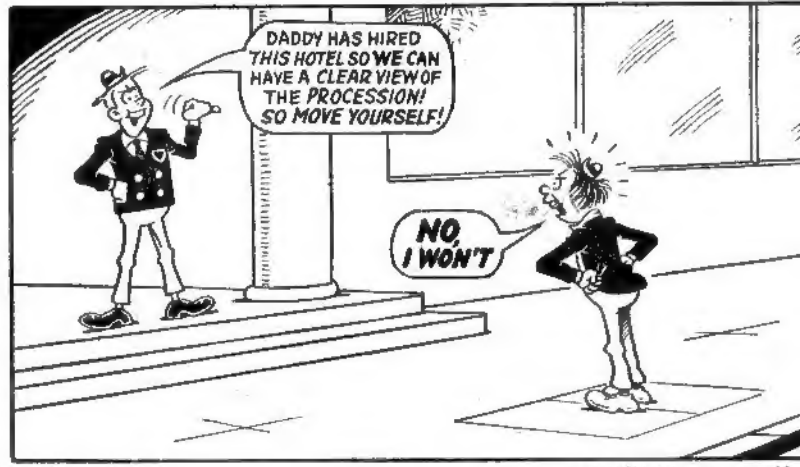
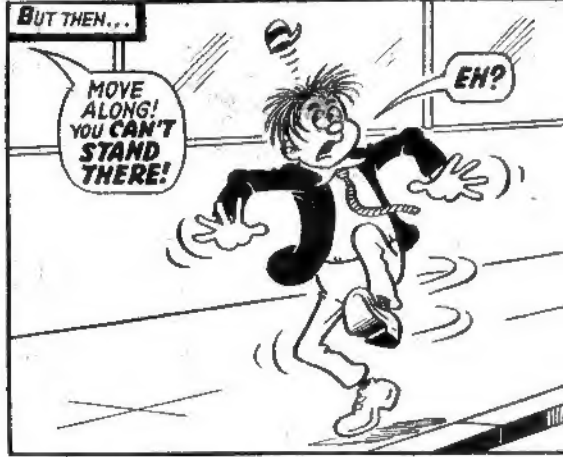
GIANT
ROYAL WEDDING
PUZZLE PICTURE

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IVOR LOTT and TONY BROKE



MEANWHILE, DOWN BELOW...

GRR! WHERE'S THE DOOR?

BLUNDER

CLATTER



A LITTLE LATER...

THE PARADE WILL BE ALONG SOON... EH? WHAT'S THIS DIRTY STUFF?



ROYAL HOTEL

AAAARGH! IT'S RIFF-RAFF - IN OUR HOTEL! AND VERY DIRTY!

FIRE SPRINKLERS

I'LL CLEAN HIM UP...

SYNDOOSH SCDOOSH

...AND THE HOTEL AT THE SAME TIME!

AAARGH! YOU RICH ROTTER!

HO, HO, HO!

BUY, OUTSIDE...

GUSH

GULP! IT'S A FLOOD! WE CAN'T BRING THE PROCESSION ALONG HERE!

QUICK! CHANGE THE ROUTE TO THE NEXT STREET! THE ONE BEHIND THE HOTEL!

IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT, IVOR!

THEY'VE CHANGED THE ROUTE... BECAUSE OF HIM!

AND WE'VE WAITED ALL DAY TO GET A GOOD VIEW!

ER... GULP... YOU ARE WELCOME TO VIEW THE PROCESSION FROM THE REAR OF MY HOTEL!

GRR! SEETHE!

AND...

THERE THEY GO!

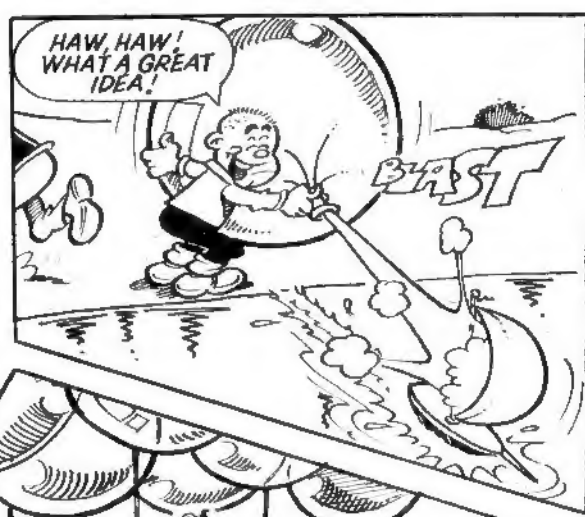
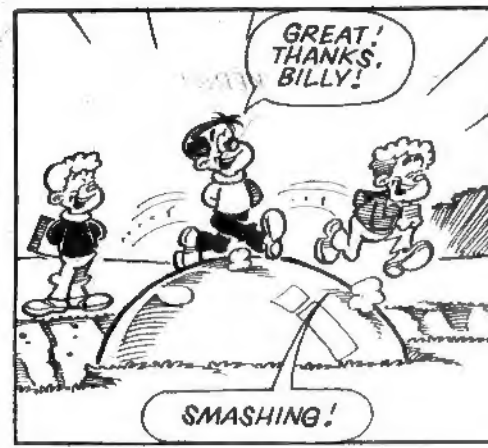
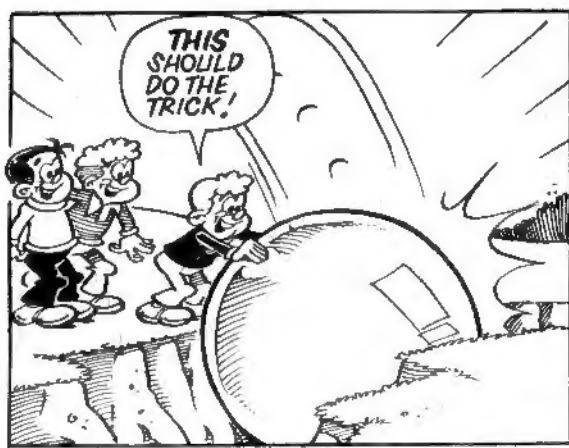
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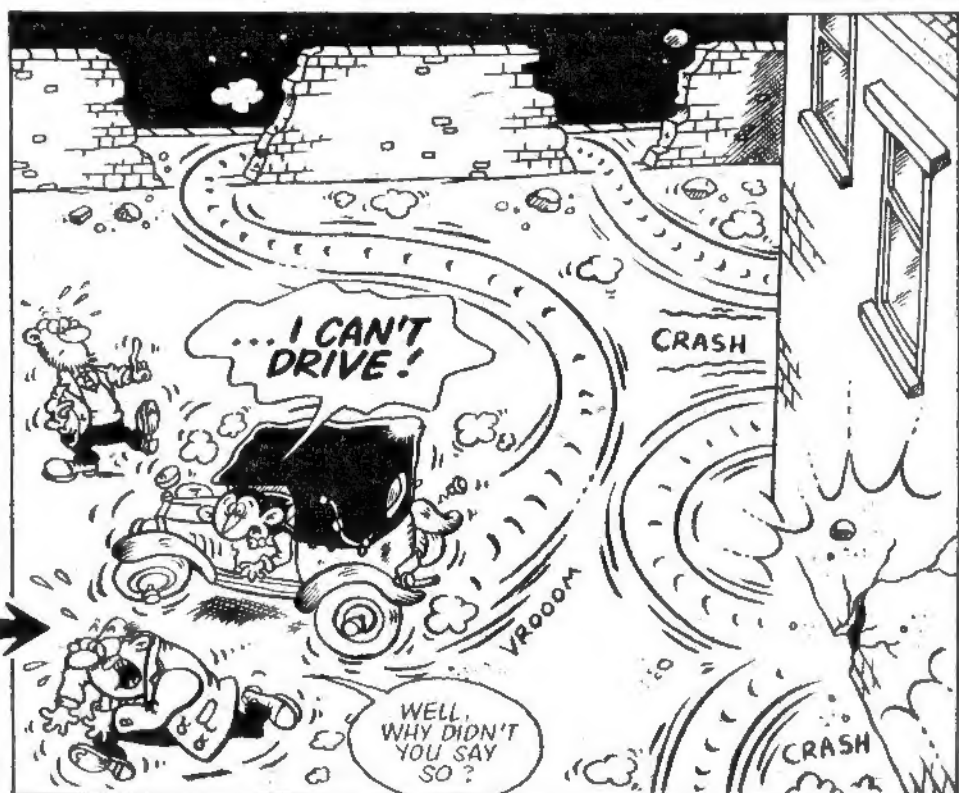
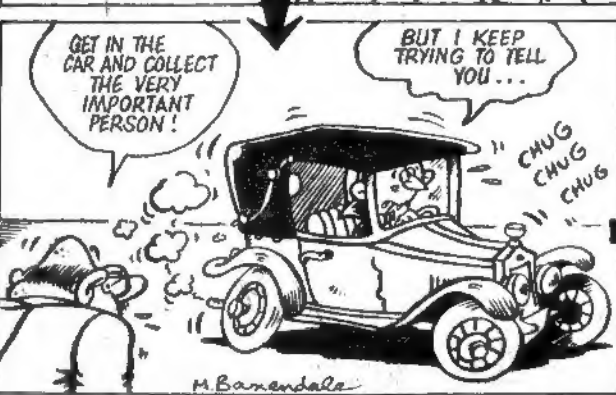
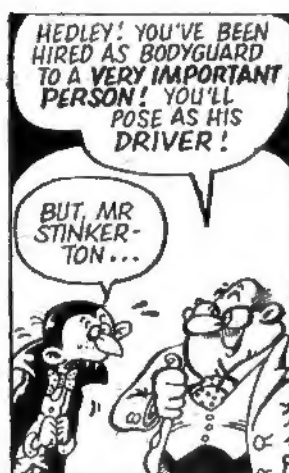
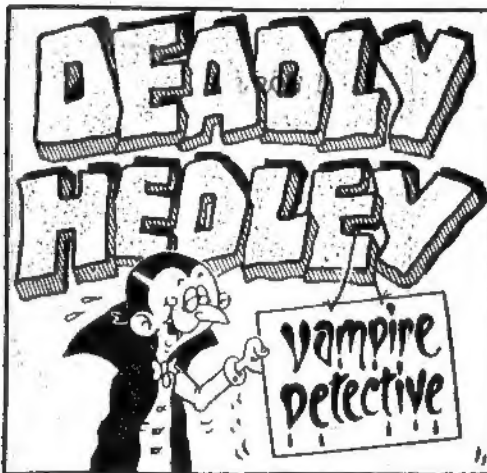
CHEERS!

BAH!

...NOW MY VIEW'S COMPLETELY BLOCKED!

BILLY BLOW





The Leopard from LIME ST.

BILLY FARMER, THE BOY WITH THE SPEED AND STRENGTH OF A FULLY-GROWN LEOPARD, WAS TRYING TO RAISE THE MONEY FOR A NEW SCHOOL MINIBUS, SO THAT HE WOULDN'T HAVE TO PLAY IN AN IMPORTANT SCHOOL CRICKET MATCH. HIS ATTEMPT TO CLAIM A £1000 REWARD FOR CATCHING AN AMAZING CROOK CALLED THE ROLLER-MONSTER ENDED IN DISASTER... BUT BILLY WAS PLANNING TO HIT BACK...

AT STONE'S CARNIVAL STORE IN SELBRIDGE...

A DOZEN BALLOONS, BILLY? SOUNDS AS IF YOU'RE HAVING A PARTY!

ER, SOMETHING LIKE THAT, MR STONE

AT LEAST, THESE BALLOONS WILL BE **FLYING AROUND!** OLD STONE WOULD HAVE A FIT IF HE KNEW I WAS GOING TO USE THEM TO TRY AND CATCH **THE ROLLER-MONSTER!**

AS BILLY HEADED FOR HOME, DEEP IN THOUGHT...

I'M ALMOST CERTAIN, FROM THE WAY THE MONSTER IS **MOVING**, THAT HE'LL STRIKE AT **FRAMTON** NEXT!

LEOPARDMAN HUNT
THE LEOPARDMAN
ON SALE HERE OUTFIT

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN
HUNT ME IF YOU DARE!

Leopard MAN T-SHIRTS



BUT WHEREABOUTS
IN FRAMTON? AND
WHEN?

!!!
AH, THERE
YOU ARE, FARMER!
I WAS HOPING I'D
CATCH YOU!

IT WAS MR HOPGOOD,
THE ASSISTANT GAMES
MASTER...

I FORGOT TO GIVE YOU THIS—
THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
ABOUT THE CRICKET MATCH!
I WANT YOU TO PUBLISH
IT IN THE SCHOOL
MAGAZINE!

YOU'RE
A BIT LATE,
SIR, BUT I'LL
DO MY BEST!

I'M ALSO
DISTRIBUTING
HUNDREDS OF LEAFLETS
ABOUT THE GAME, ALL
OVER THE AREA!
WESTFIELD... TALBURY
... **FRAMTON MARKET!**

FRAMTON
MARKET?

AS MR HOPGOOD'S
CAR DROVE OFF...

OF COURSE! THE SATURDAY
MARKET! LOTS OF PEOPLE WITH
SHOPPING BASKETS... PURSES...
SPARE CASH! IT'S THE
PERFECT TARGET FOR
THE ROLLER-
MONSTER!

SAY ABOUT... NINE-
THIRTY ON SATURDAY
MORNING! AND **THE**
LEOPARDMAN WILL BE
THERE... **WAITING**
FOR HIM!

BILLY WAS
SO EXCITED
THAT HE
FORGOT HE
WAS SUPPOSED
TO BE AN
ORDINARY
BOY!

BUT EVEN THE
MONSTER'S SKATES WILL
BE USELESS IN A CRUSH,
SO HE WON'T ATTACK WHEN
THE MARKET PLACE IS
CROWDED! HE'LL STRIKE
EARLY WHEN THERE ARE ONLY
A FEW PEOPLE ABOUT!

THAT NIGHT...

NOW TO
TEST MY LITTLE
MONSTER-
TRAP! FIRST,
I SQUEEZE
SOME OF THIS
STUFF INTO A
BALLOON...

...THEN
I PUMP
A LITTLE
AIR
INTO THE
BALLOON,
SEAL
IT...

AND...

YEAH, JUST
THE JOB!
I'VE A HUNCH
IT'S GOING TO
WORK!

SPLAT ★

CONTINUED
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BUT, ON SATURDAY MORNING,
AS BILLY WAS ABOUT TO SET
OFF...



BE A GOOD BOY,
BILLY, AND DO THE
SHOPPING FOR ME TODAY!
I... I'M FEELING A BIT
POORLY!

BUT,
AUNT
JOAN, I—
OH, ALL
RIGHT!

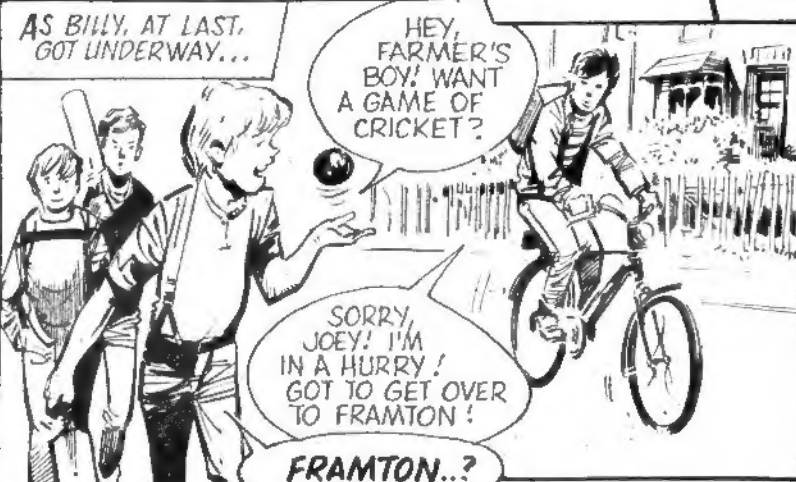
IT WAS THE FASTEST
SHOPPING EXPEDITION
THAT ANYONE HAD
EVER SEEN...

... BUT IT'S PUT ME WELL
BEHIND! I'LL HAVE TO NIP
OVER TO FRAMTON ON MY
BIKE, INSTEAD OF TAKING
THE BUS...

WHOOOSH

... OR I'LL BE LATE
FOR MY DATE WITH
**THE ROLLER-
MONSTER!**

AS BILLY, AT LAST,
GOT UNDERWAY...



HEY,
FARMER'S
BOY! WANT
A GAME OF
CRICKET?

SORRY,
JOEY! I'M
IN A HURRY!
GOT TO GET OVER
TO FRAMTON!

FRAMTON..?

WHAT THE HECK
FOR?



SOME, ER
NEW BATTERIES
FOR MY CAMERA!
I'VE HEARD
THEY'RE CHEAPER
AT FRAMTON
MARKET!

BILLY WAS IN SUCH A HURRY,
HE FAILED TO NOTICE A FURTIVE,
LISTENING FIGURE...

I'LL NEVER KEEP
UP WITH HIM AT
THAT SPEED!
BUT AT LEAST I
KNOW WHERE HE'S
GOING!

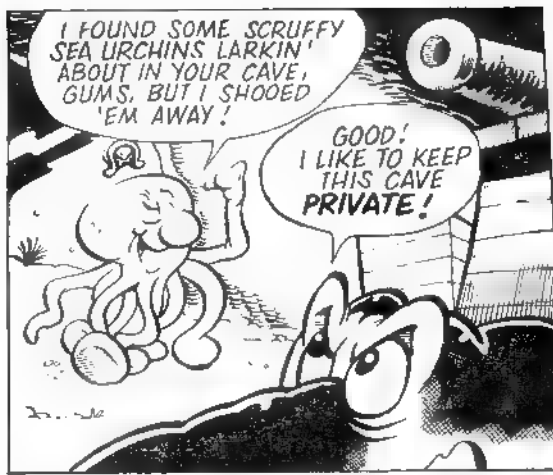
ONCE AGAIN, DEBBIE
STEVENS, THE SCHOOL
'SNOOP', WAS HOT ON
BILLY'S TRAIL!

THIS COULD BE
THE CHANCE I'VE
BEEN WAITING
FOR...

... A CHANCE TO
DISCOVER THE **LINK**
THAT EXISTS BETWEEN
BILLY FARMER...
AND **THE**
LEOPARDMAN!

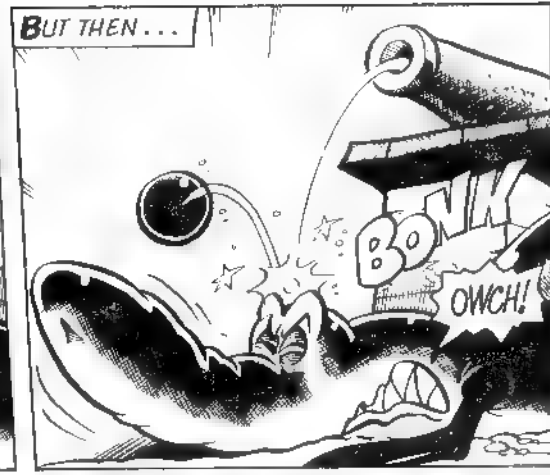
Stay on the trail of the thrills by reading our next episode!

GUMS



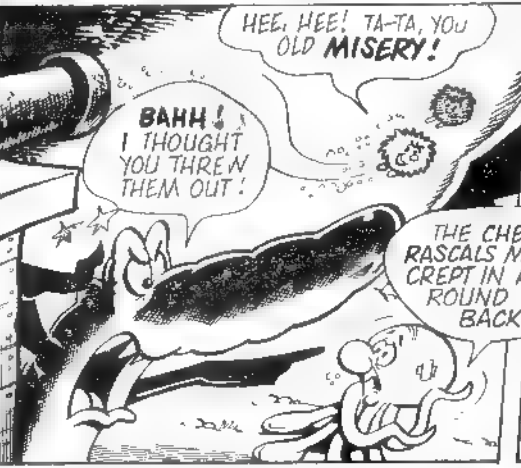
I FOUND SOME SCRUFFY
SEA URCHINS LARKIN'
ABOUT IN YOUR CAVE,
GUMS, BUT I SHOODE
'EM AWAY!

GOOD!
I LIKE TO KEEP
THIS CAVE
PRIVATE!



BUT THEN...

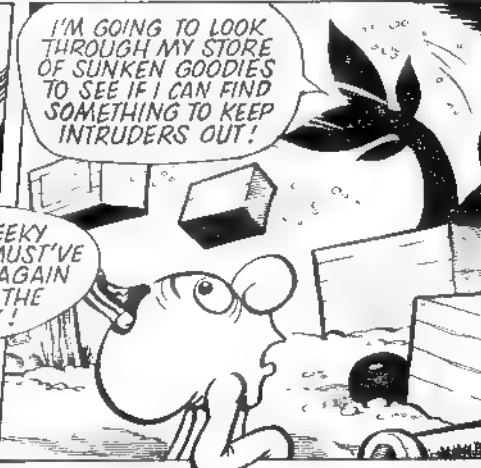
BONK
OWCH!



HEE, HEE! TA-TA, YOU
OLD MISERY!

BAHH!
I THOUGHT
YOU THREW
THEM OUT!

THE CHEEKY
RASCALS MUST'VE
CREPT IN AGAIN
ROUND THE
BACK!



I'M GOING TO LOOK
THROUGH MY STORE
OF SUNKEN GOODIES
TO SEE IF I CAN FIND
SOMETHING TO KEEP
INTRUDERS OUT!



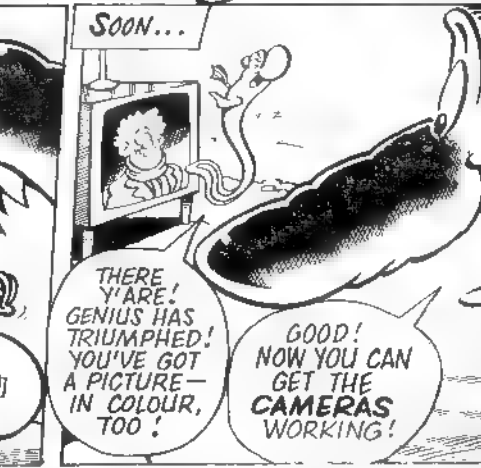
COO— UNDERWATER
T.V. EQUIPMENT!
YOU COULD SET IT UP TO
SPY ON ANYONE TRES-
PASSING IN YOUR CAVE
— AS THEY DO IN
THE BIG
STORES!

FOR ONCE,
YOU'VE HAD A
BRIGHT IDEA!
I'LL GET SPARKY
EEL TO FIX IT UP!



AND...
GOING TO BE TRICKY,
GETTING THIS STUFF
TO WORK UNDER-
WATER!

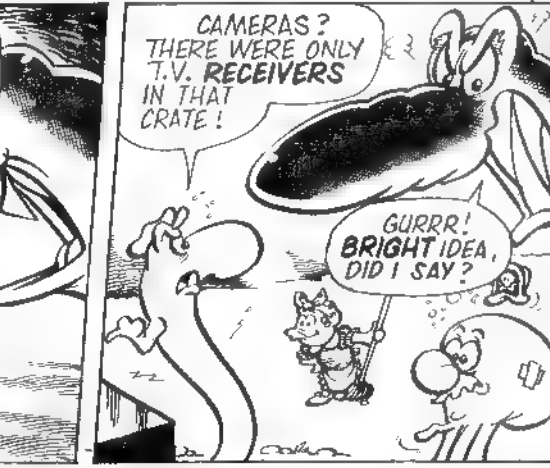
I DON'T
CARE HOW
TRICKY IT IS—
DO IT!



SOON...

THERE
Y'ARE!
GENIUS HAS
TRIUMPHED!
YOU'VE GOT
A PICTURE—
IN COLOUR,
TOO!

GOOD!
NOW YOU CAN
GET THE
CAMERAS
WORKING!



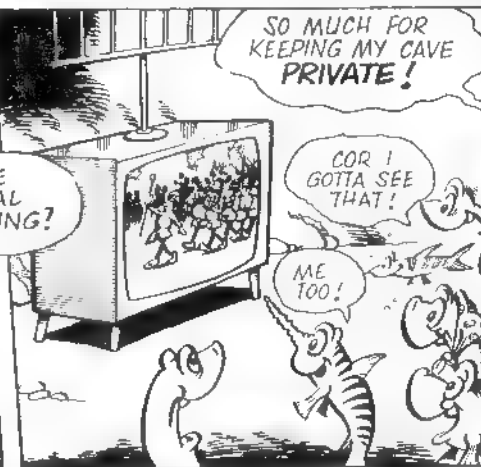
CAMERAS?
THERE WERE ONLY
T.V. RECEIVERS
IN THAT
CRATE!

GURRR!
BRIGHT IDEA,
DID I SAY?



COO—LOOK! THE
ROYAL WEDDING'S
ON!

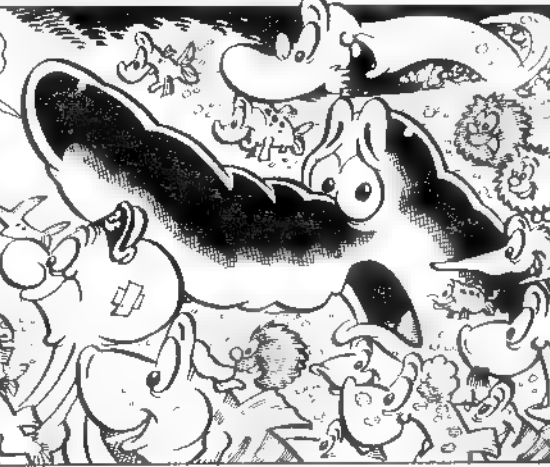
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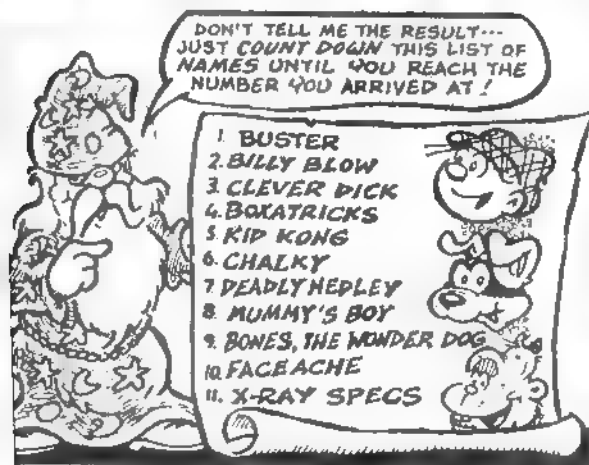
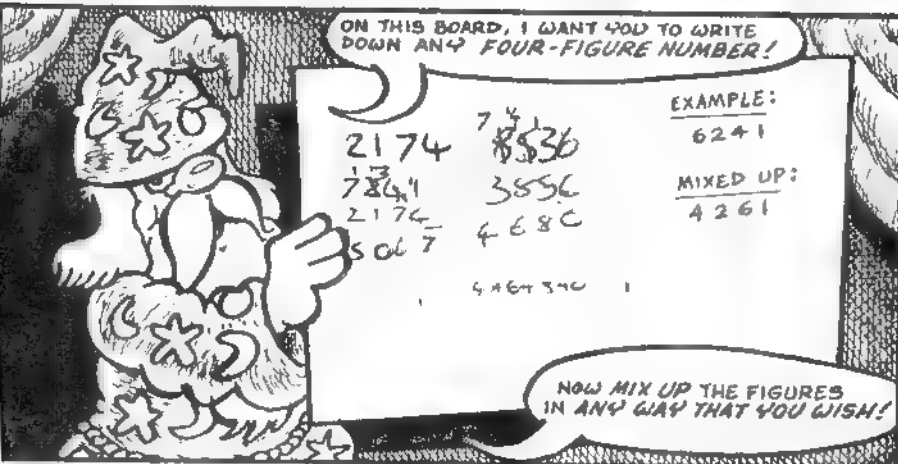


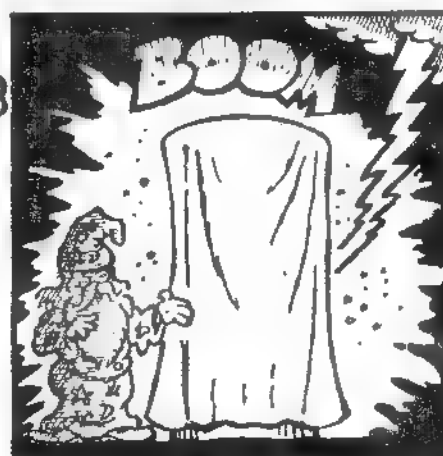
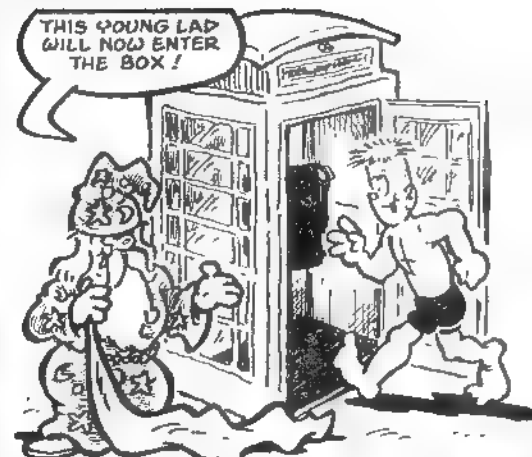
SO MUCH FOR
KEEPING MY CAVE
PRIVATE!

COR I
GOTTA SEE
THAT!

ME
TOO!







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HELLER AND JOHNNY GET TOGETHER TO BRIGHTEN THE DAY



Johnny was wondering what to do one day, when he remembered he had some pocket money left 'Can I go shopping with you, Mum?' he asked.

At the shops he saw some Heller model kits and, although he'd never made a model himself, he'd often watched his brother, David, build them and had heard him say that Heller kits were really good.



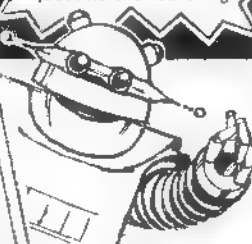
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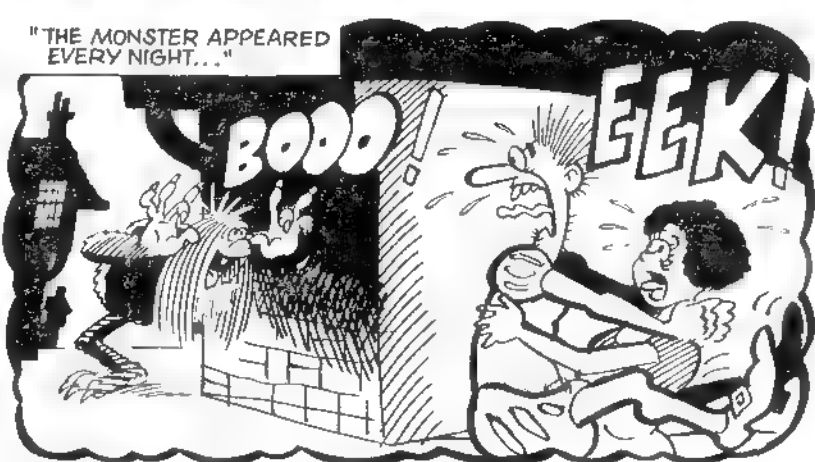


'I'd like to try to build one myself', he thought 'Now, which model shall I buy - there's such a lot to choose from' Johnny chose a car and when he got home, he started to build the kit with some help and advice from his brother, David. When the model was finished, Johnny couldn't believe it. It was just great! Just look at the detail - I must show this to my pal, Steve

HI KIDS! I'M ROBBIE ROBOT

My computer makes sure that every Heller kit you buy is perfect in every detail, so that your model is just like the real thing





"FINALLY, THE LOCAL SQUIRE SPOKE UP..."

THIS MONSTER MUST BE A PAL OF THAT WITCH OF TRIFLE ACRES FARM!



LET'S SORT HER OUT! GRUMBLE!



"LUCKILY, I SPOTTED THEM COMING..."

EEK! A MOB OF ANGRY VILLAGERS!

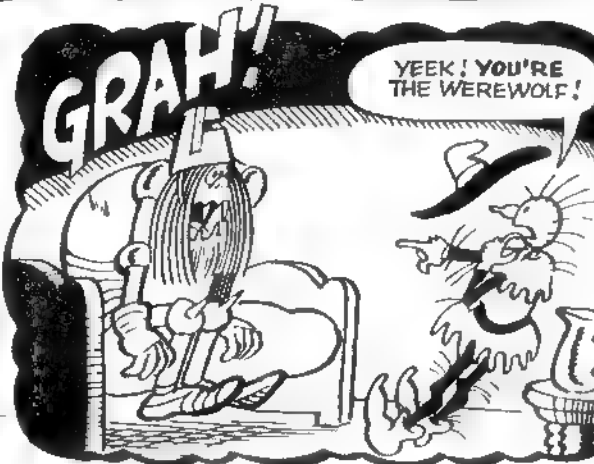


SIR KNIGHT! WE MUST RUN AWAY! THE VILLAGERS BE COMING TO BASH US!

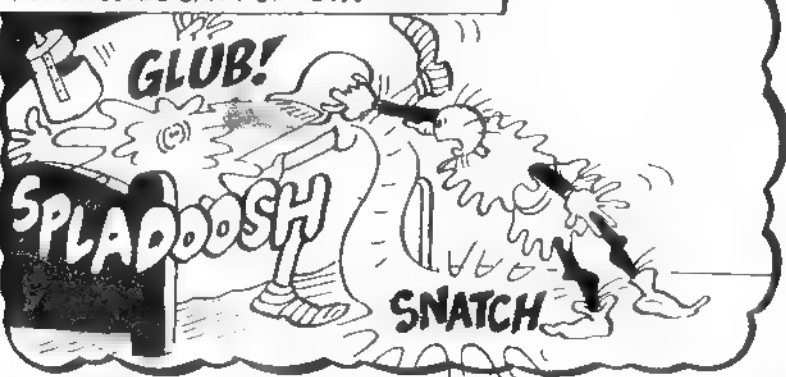


GRAH!

YEEK! YOU'RE THE WEREWOLF!



"THEN I POURED PURE WATER OVER HIM— WHICH IS ONE THING THAT SMELLY OLD WEREWOLVES CAN'T STAND..."



THE WEREWOLF RAN AWAY AND WAS NEVER SEEN AGAIN! AND THE VILLAGERS LEFT US IN PEACE!

GOSH, STRAWBELLY, YOU'RE SO CLEVER!

SNORE!

AND BRAVE!



SUDDENLY...

STRAWBELLY! I WANT YOU!

B-BUT THE STORY WAS ALL FIBS!

EEK! THE GHOST OF THE WERE-WOLF'S COME TO GET YOU!

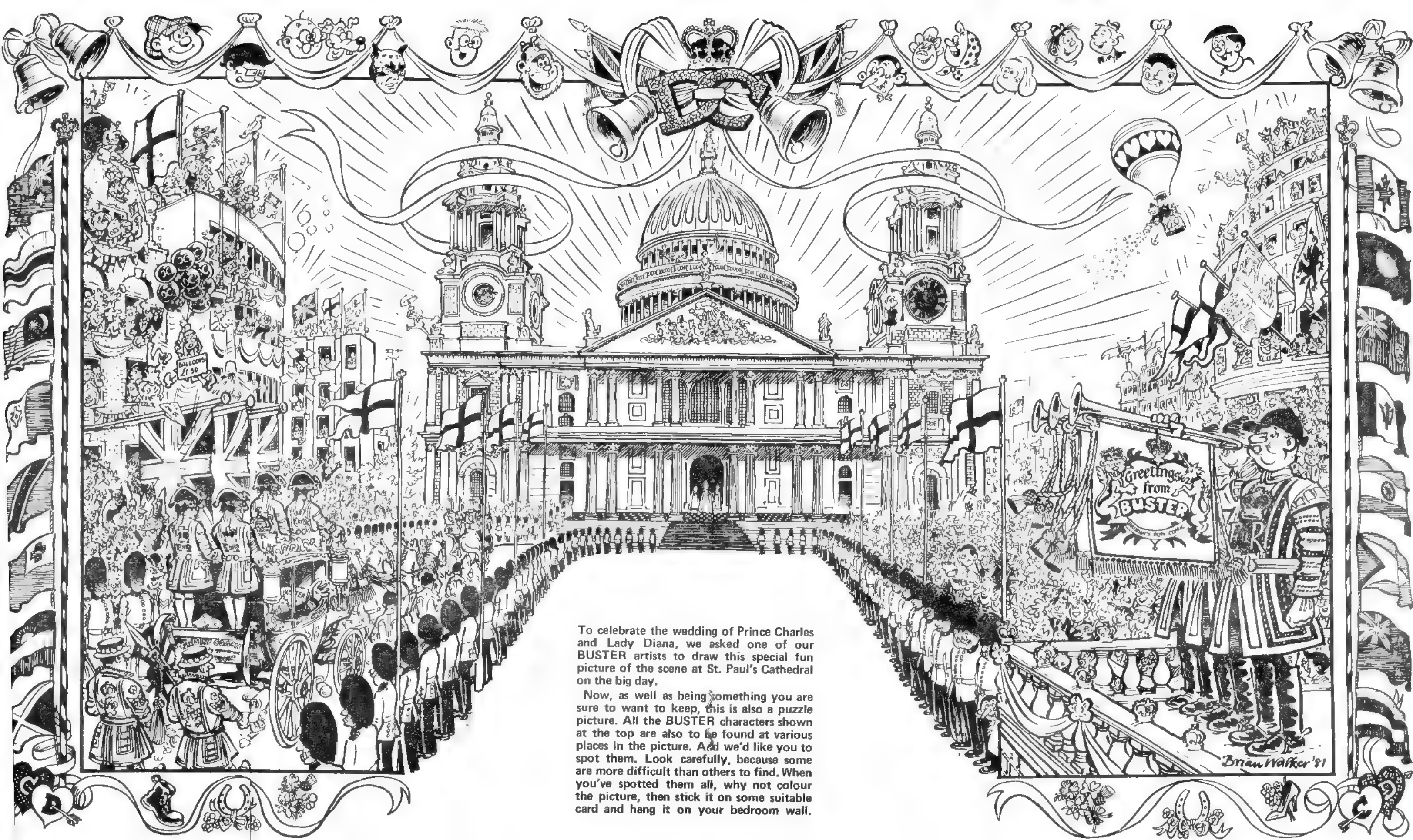
CLANK CLANK



STRAWBELLY, WHY ARE YOU HIDING? I ONLY WANT YOU TO DO SOME CLEANING!

PHIEW! I THOUGHT I WAS HAVING A KNIGHT-MARE!

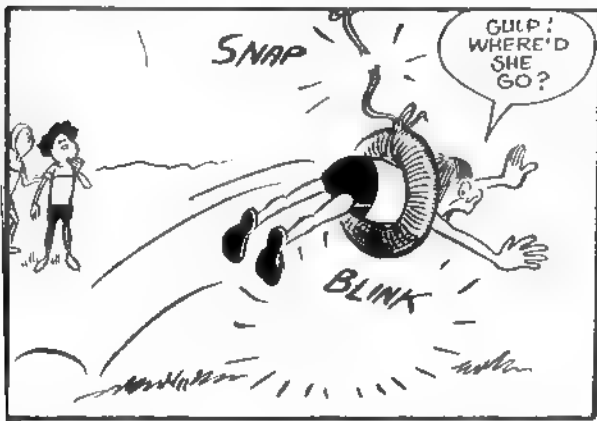
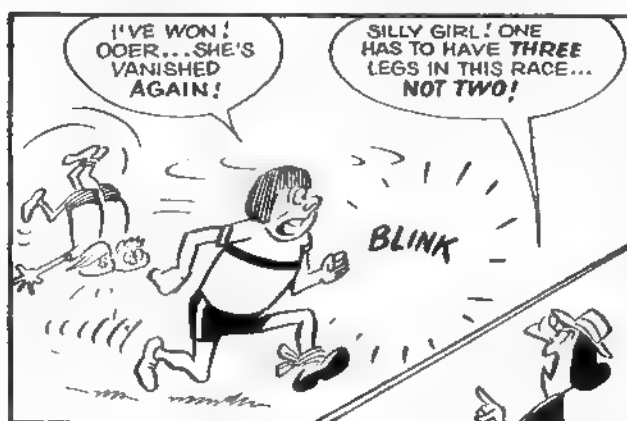
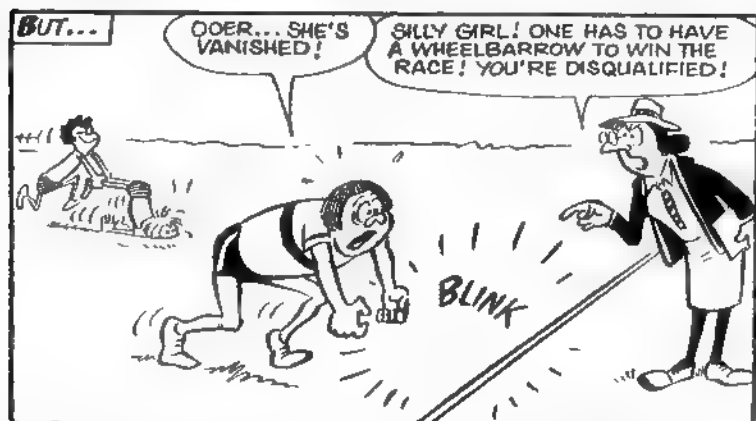




To celebrate the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana, we asked one of our BUSTER artists to draw this special fun picture of the scene at St. Paul's Cathedral on the big day.

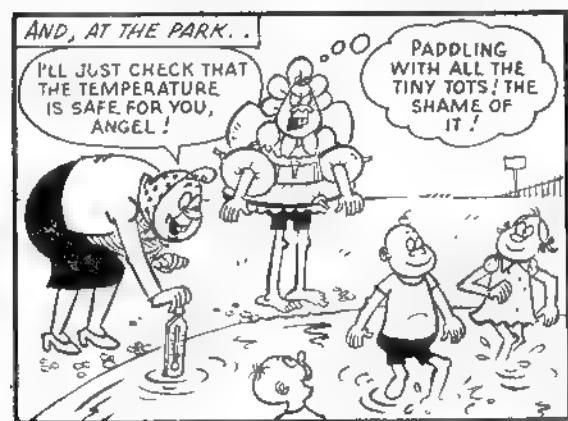
Now, as well as being something you are sure to want to keep, this is also a puzzle picture. All the BUSTER characters shown at the top are also to be found at various places in the picture. And we'd like you to spot them. Look carefully, because some are more difficult than others to find. When you've spotted them all, why not colour the picture, then stick it on some suitable card and hang it on your bedroom wall.

Now you see me... Disappearing **TRIX BLINK Now you don't!**

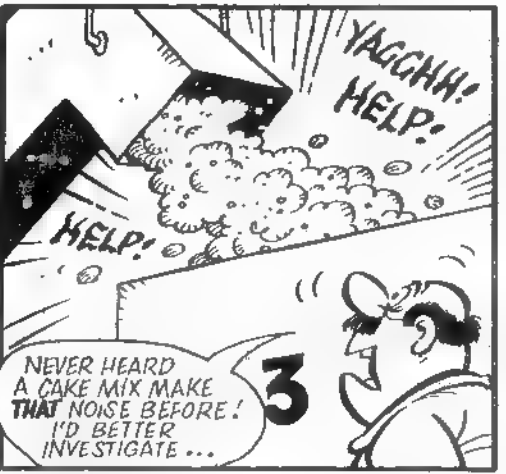
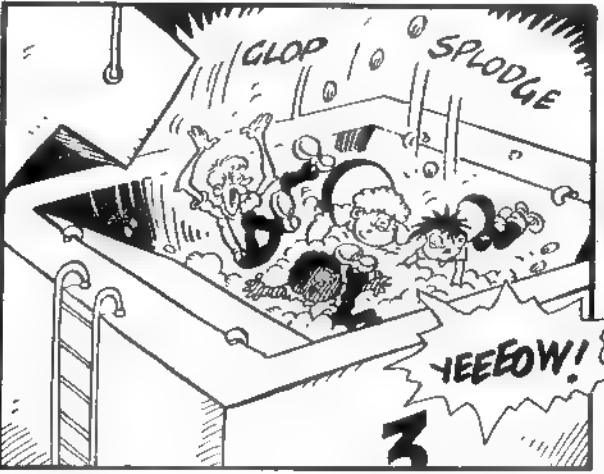
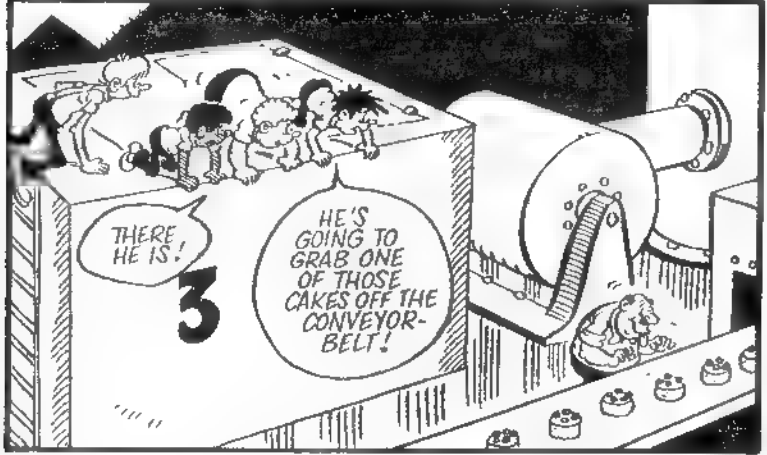
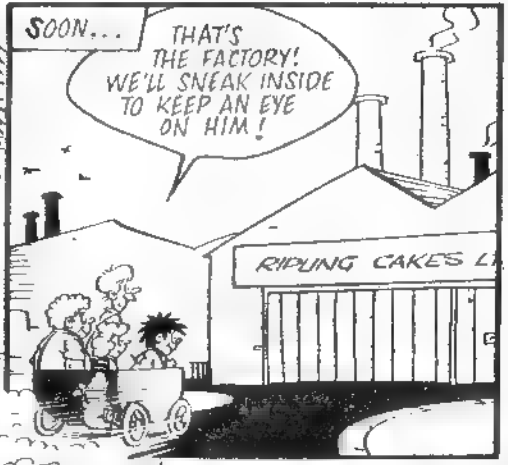
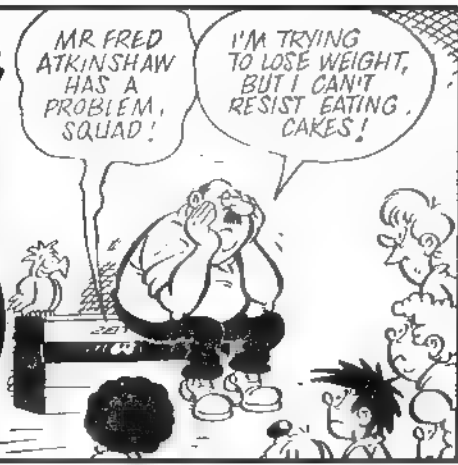


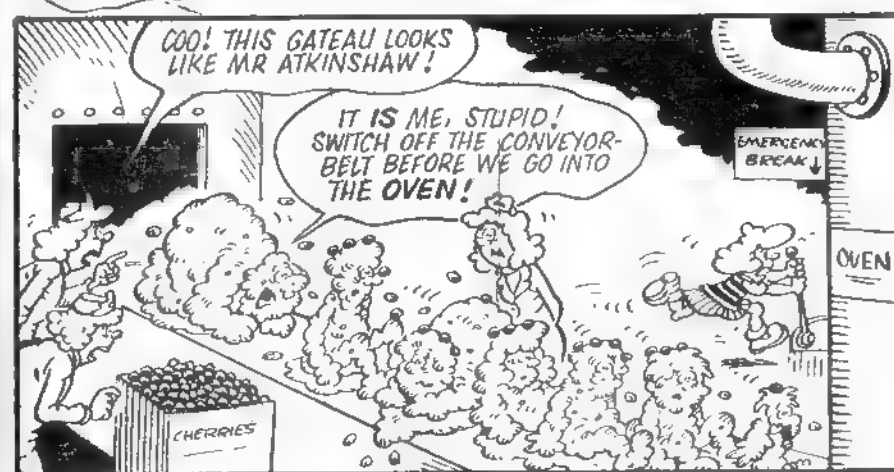
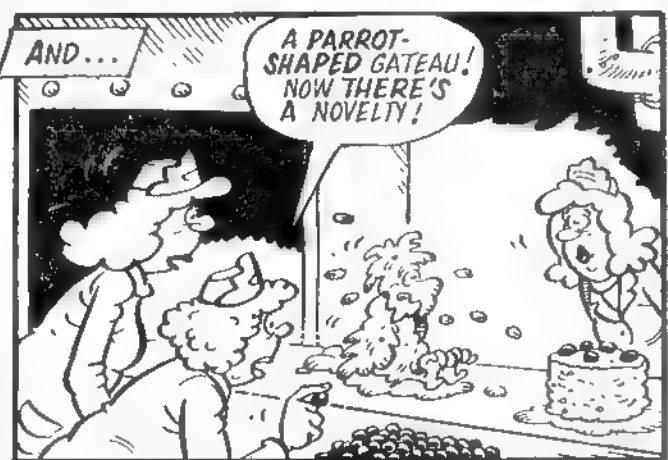
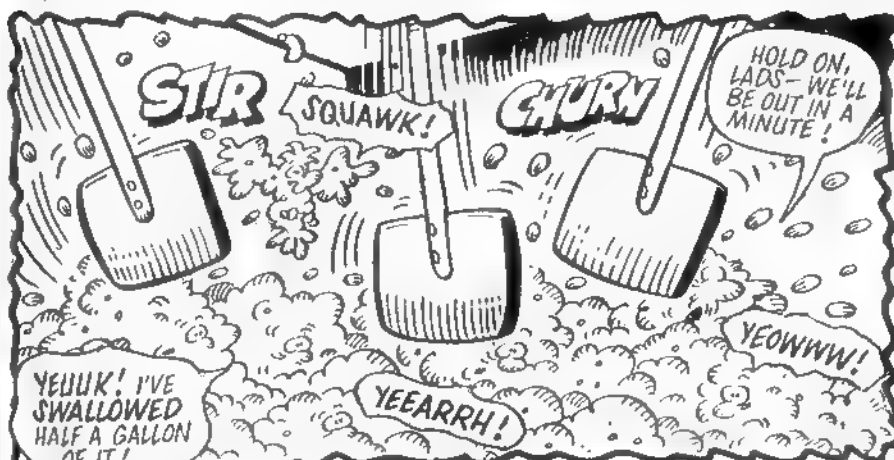
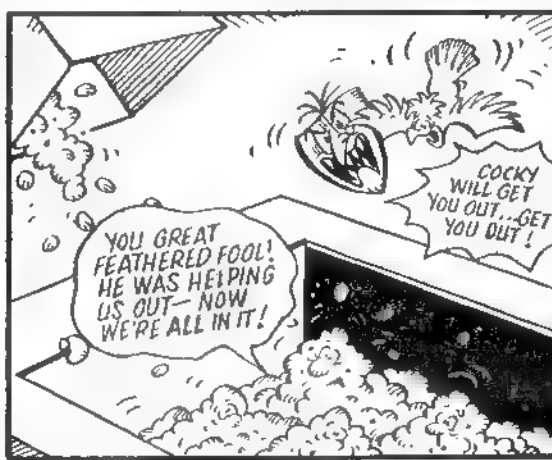
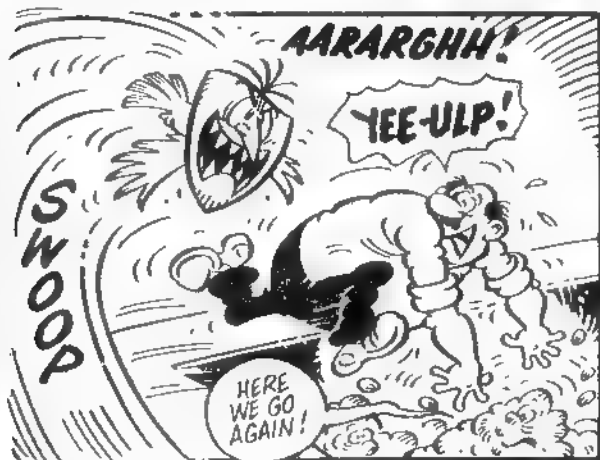
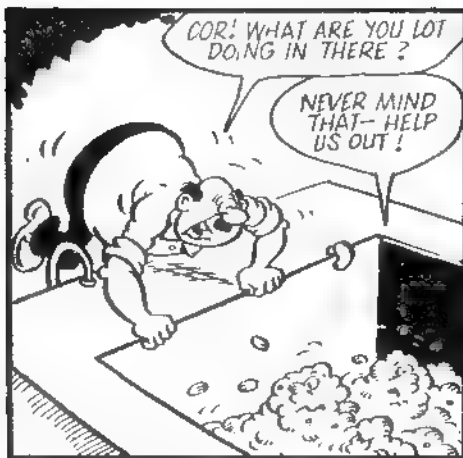


MUMMY'S BOY

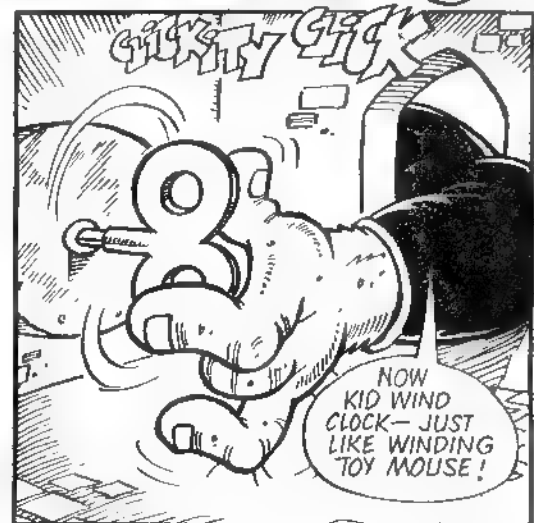
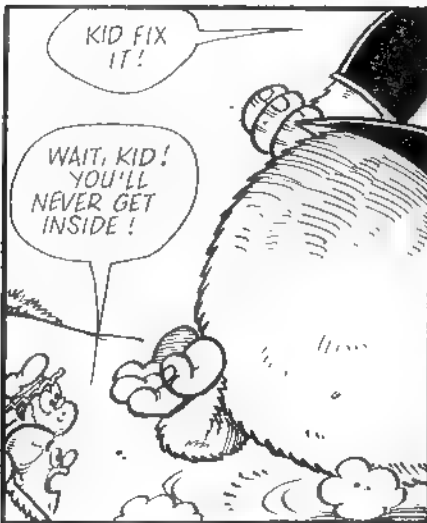
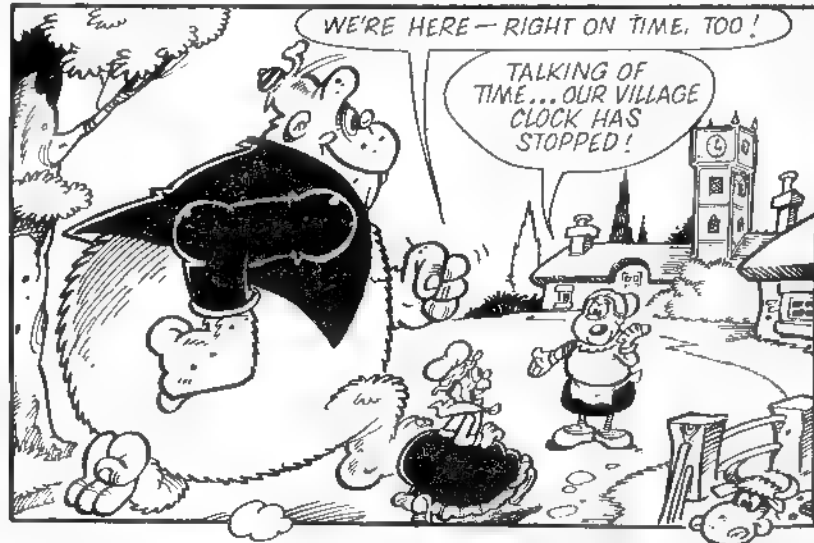


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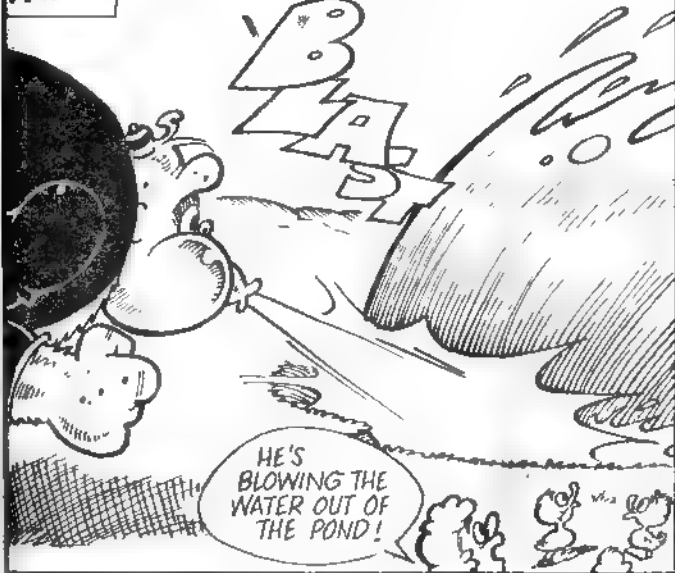




KID KONG



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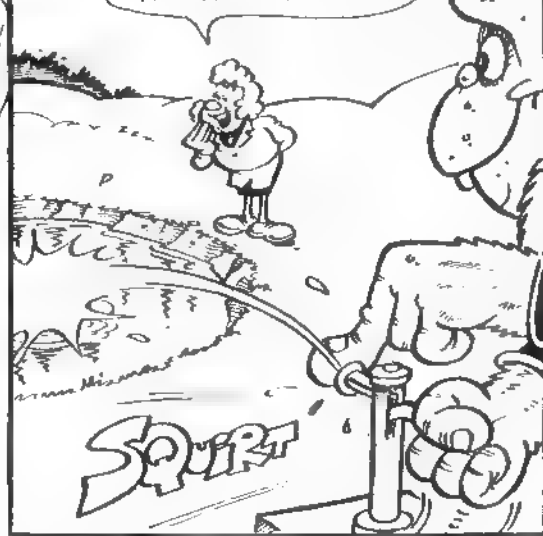


THERE—RING!
NO BOTHER!

THAT'S
WONDERFUL!
BUT WHAT
ABOUT THE
POOR
DUCKS?



'WAT-ER' GOOD IDEA!



THEN...

GANGWAY!

YEK!
WASSAT?

A FOX,
KID! IT'S THE
HUNT!



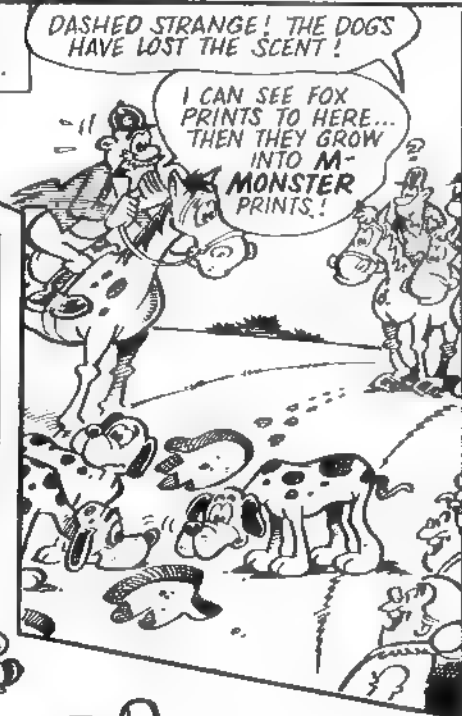
KID TAKE YOU
HOME SAFE,
FOXY!



BACK
AT THE
ROAD...

DASHED STRANGE! THE DOGS
HAVE LOST THE SCENT!

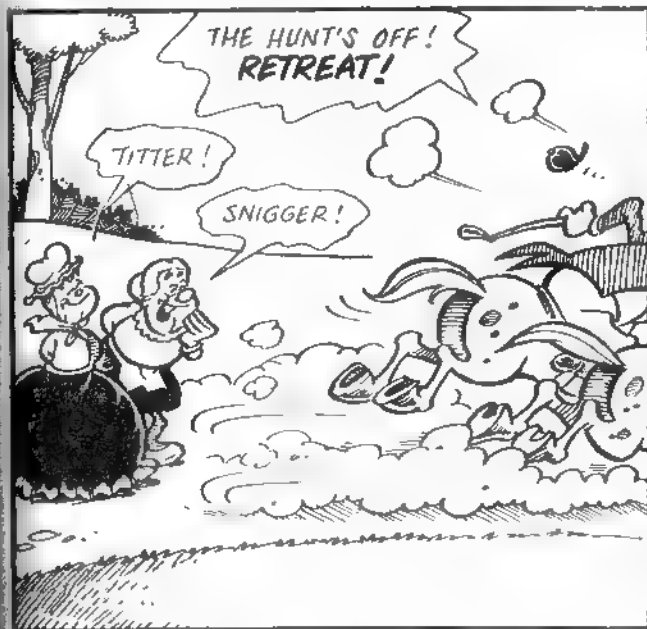
I CAN SEE FOX
PRINTS TO HERE...
THEN THEY GROW
INTO M-
MONSTER
PRINTS!



THE HUNT'S OFF!
RETREAT!

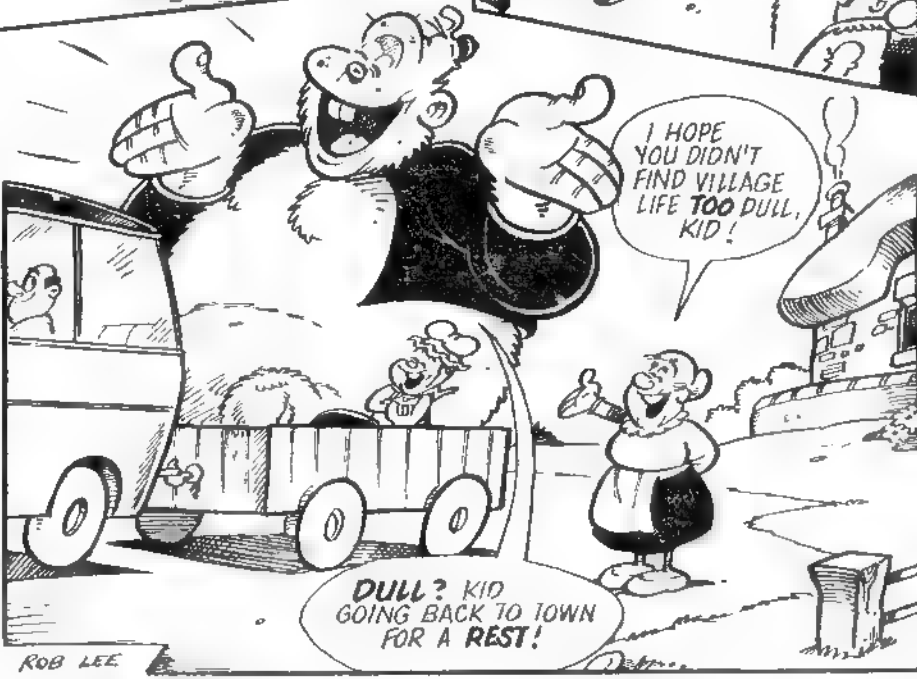
TITTER!

SNIGGER!

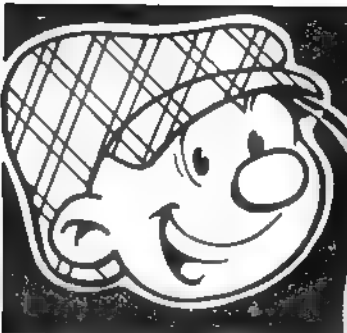


I HOPE
YOU DIDN'T
FIND VILLAGE
LIFE TOO DULL,
KID!

DULL? KID
GOING BACK TO TOWN
FOR A REST!



ROB LEE



BUSTER'S BONUS JOKE-BOX

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GROW ONE ROW OF GREENS NEXT TO ANOTHER ROW OF GREENS?

YOU GET A DUAL CABBAGE WAY!

SIMON PERRY, SWANSEA

WHAT INSTRUMENTS DO YOU CARRY IN YOUR EARS?

DRUMS!

OWEN MCCULLOUGH, HARRYVILLE

Hotel de Fash
RECEPTION

HAVE YOU A ROOM FOR A KNIGHT?

JASON HALL, GOODMAYES

I'M WEARING MY TOP WEDDING CAP-TOP. HAT THIS WEEK, PALS!

DOCTOR DOCTOR, HOW DO I STOP MY BLAZING HEADACHE?

TIP A BUCKET OF WATER OVER IT!

RICHARD LAKE, HAZELWOOD

GUMS IS VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE WEDDING! SOMEONE TOLD HIM THE PRINCE OF WHALES WAS GETTING MARRIED!

OPTICIAN
MR I. TESTER

GONE FOR LUNCH BE BACK AT 2PM

CRAIG LANG, LIVERPOOL

WHY SHOULDN'T YOU TELL A SECRET ON A FARM?

BECAUSE THE POTATOES HAVE EYES, THE CORN HAS EARS AND THE BEANS TALK!

SARAH OWEN, CROYDON

I NEED A NEW FACE!

WOW! I'LL SAY YOU DO!

CLOCK REPAIRS

ANDREA JENKINS, SHANKLIN

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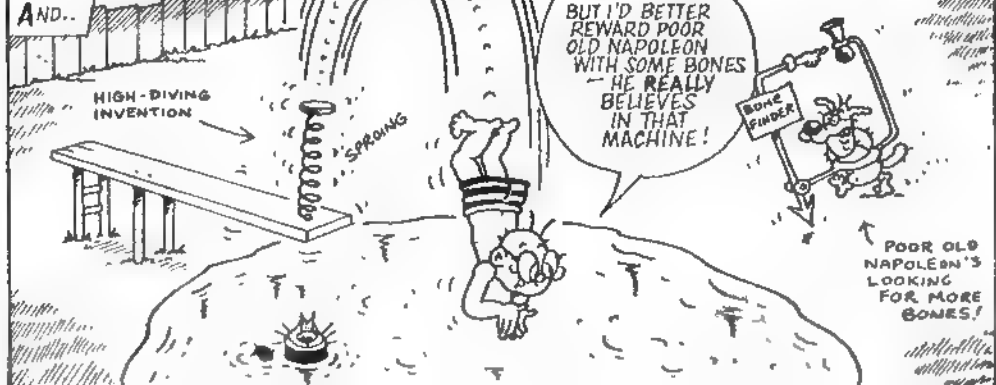
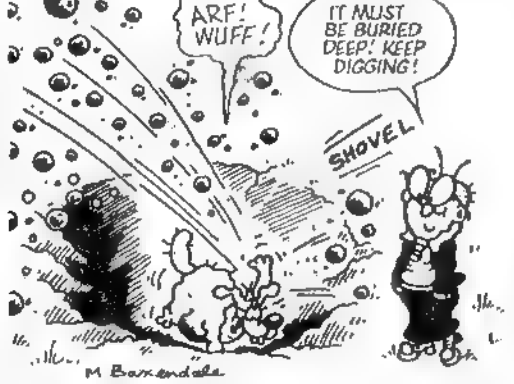
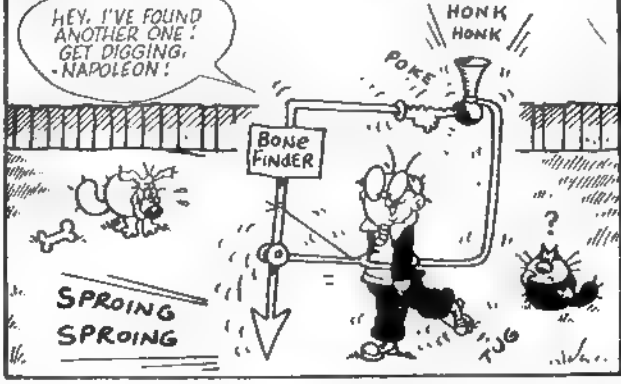
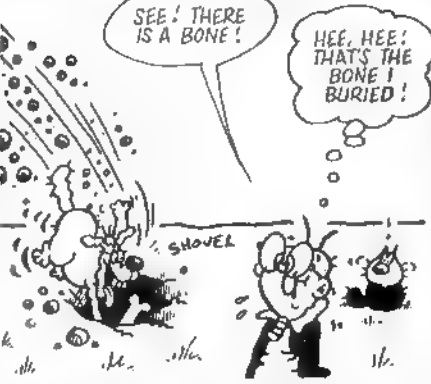
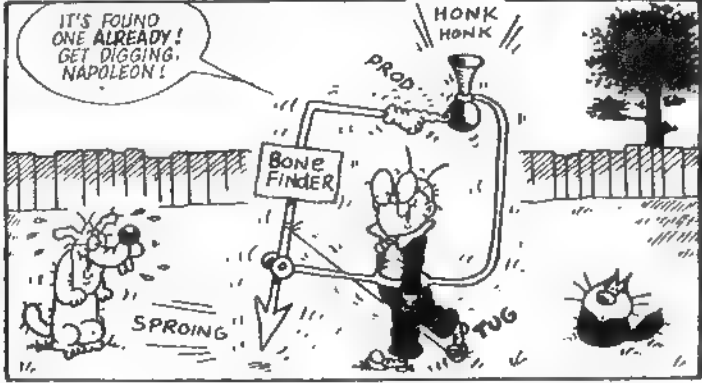
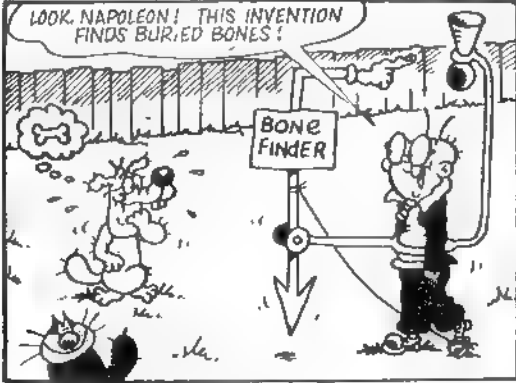
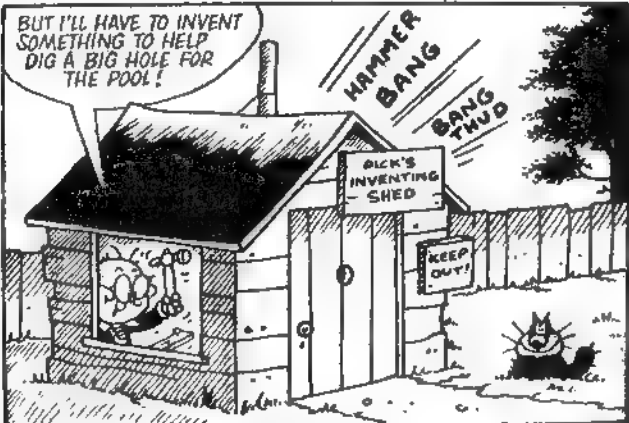
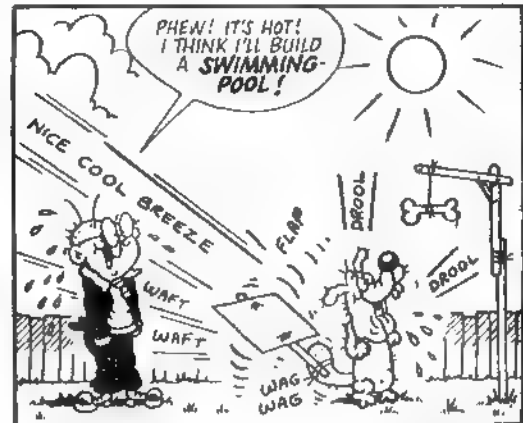
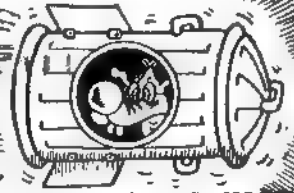
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The feature I like least in BUSTER is



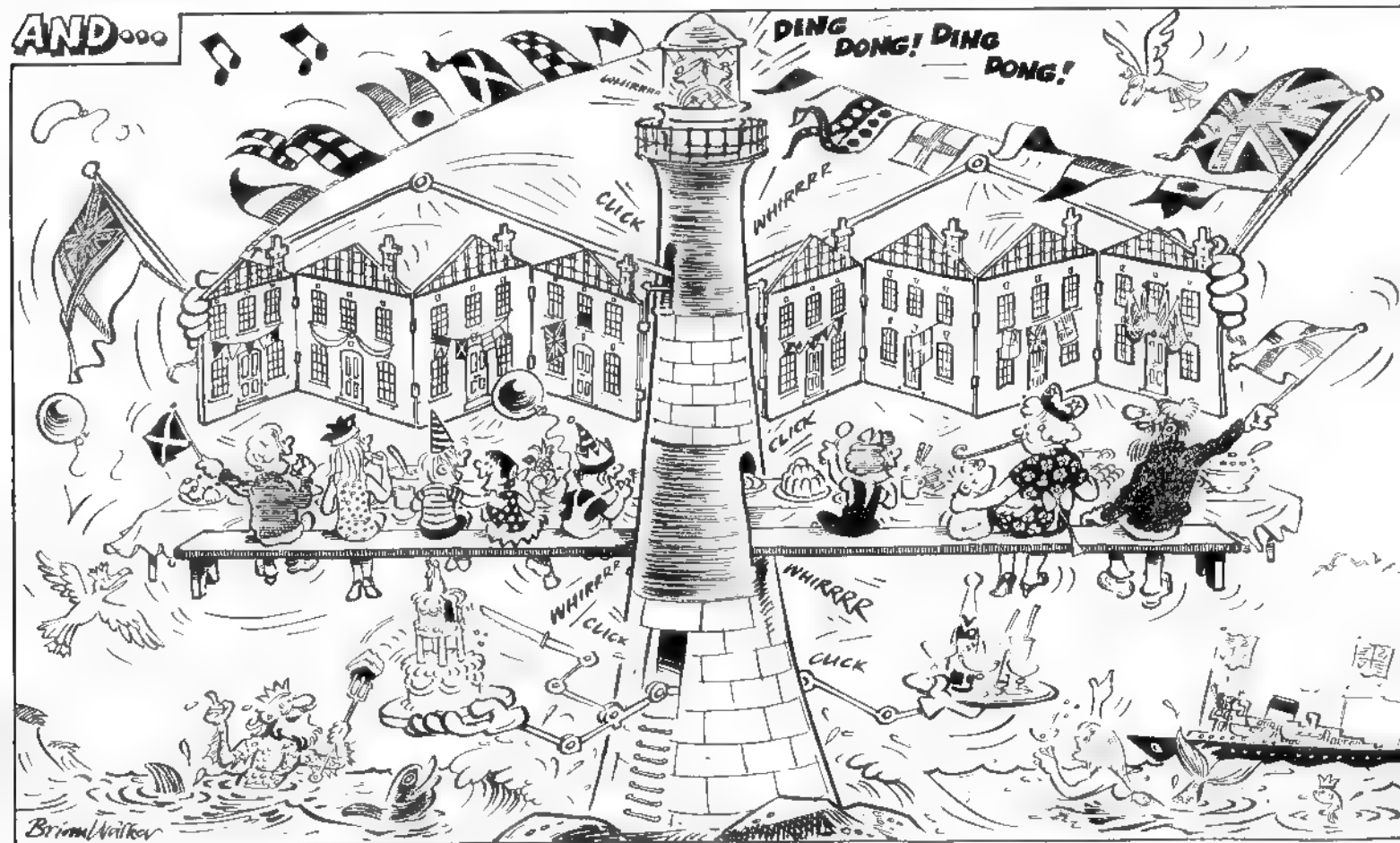
CLEVER DICK

THE DAFT INVENTOR (AND NAPOLEON DOG)





AND...



BARRY and BOING

ORPHAN BARRY BATES WAS HELPING A SPRING-BUILT ROBOT CALLED BOING TO ESCAPE FROM HIS CRUEL ALIEN MASTERS. NOW, ON A PERFECT SUMMER'S DAY, THE TWO PALS WERE LAZING ON THE BANK OF A SMALL STREAM

AAAH, THIS IS THE LIFE, BOING! THERE'S NOTHING I LIKE MORE THAN A SPOT OF SUN-BATHING!

Bah! It holds no joy for me, Master Barry! My steel springs merely sizzle in this sun!

Enough of this laziness! Let us be active and play an Earthling game together!

ALL RIGHT, WE'LL PLAY HIDE-AND-SEEK! GET GOING WHILE I COUNT TO A HUNDRED!

AND SO...

TWENTY FIVE TWENTY SIX

BOING!

Hee, hee! This is fun! First I shall bounce into yonder bushes and compress my springs to their smallest size!

A quick slide down this steep bank on a handy leaf

... Then I'll wriggle into the crack between these two bits of metal! It'll make a perfect hiding place!

SECONDS LATER...

A-HA! A SET OF FOOT-PRINTS! THE CRAFTY ROBOT MUST HAVE BOUNCED STRAIGHT INTO THOSE BUSHES!

BETTER WATCH OUT, BOING! I KNOW YOU'RE HERE SOMEWHERE! I'LL FIND YOU IN A MINUTE!

Ho, ho, ho! Not up there, Earthling chum! You're not even warm yet!

THEN SUDDENLY, A STRANGE SHUDDER SHOOK THE ROBOT'S TINY BODY...

Funny... I hear a noise! These metal things have started to jolt and jump!

LOUDER AND LOUDER, CLOSER AND CLOSER, UNTIL...

Diddi. DEE
Diddi. DA

PUNG!

Diddi. DEE
DA!

Waaah!

HEARING BOING'S YELL, BARRY WHIRLED...

OH, MY GREAT GOSH! HE'S CHOSEN A RAILWAY LINE TO HIDE IN! EXTEND YOUR SPRINGS AND GET OUT OF THERE, YOU ASS! HURRY!

PX... DONG!

Oooh! Aaa-Uagh!

CLONG!

DON'T JUST STAND THERE SHAKING—RUN!

BUT...

OH, NO... NO! HE'S TRIPPED!

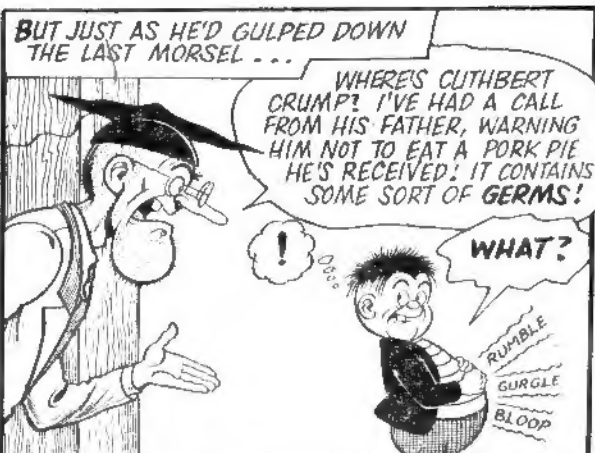
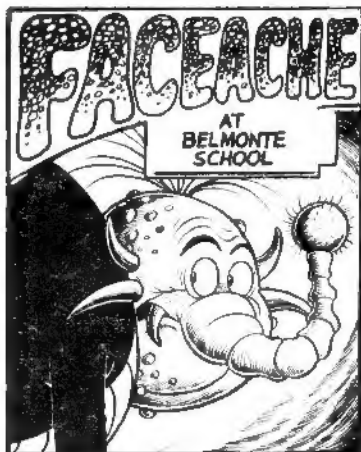
KEL-PAANG!

SAM, THERE'S SOMETHING ON THE LINE AHEAD! BRAKE!

I ALREADY HAVE... BUT IT'S TOO LATE!

H-HE'S GOING TO BE RUN OVER! I CAN'T LOOK... I SIMPLY CAN'T!

Is this the end for Barry's metallic mate? See next week's *BUSTER*!



FUN SPOT

Make a PARACHUTIST!



Draw a figure on thin card like this... approx. 5cm. deep.

Use a piece of plastic 20cm. square.

Fix cotton thread to the corners of the plastic and tie a cotton-reel on the end.

Stick the figure on with adhesive tape.

NOW IT IS READY

Just throw it in to the air and watch it float to the ground.



Letter Box!

Fill in the letters so they make words that read the same across and down.

		I	
	O		
			S

R R E E
I T P P
I B B
S T



MATCH FUN!

Arrange seven used matches like this
Now move two matches to make 3 TRIANGLES



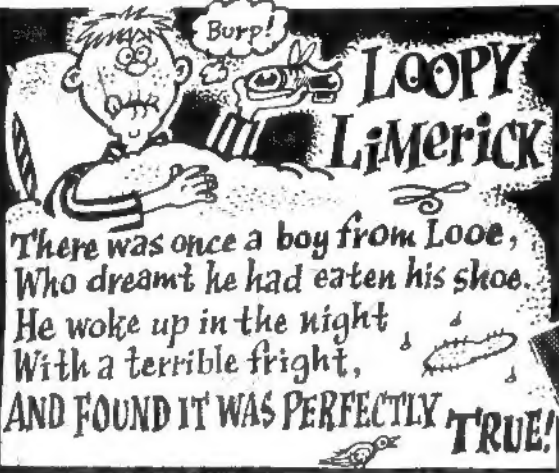
Figure it out!

Study these pictures and see if you can figure out what the missing number is.



TONGUE TWISTER!

Solve the picture clues to find a tongue twister. Now say it six times, quickly!



A Pangram...

... is a sentence with all the letters of the ALPHABET.

This sentence has one letter missing. WHAT IS IT?

PACK MY BOX WITH FIVE DOZEN LIQUOR MUGS.



There are TEN BIRDS hidden in FUN SPOT. Can you see them?

Teacher Teaser!

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BOOK ON MUSIC AND A PIANIST?

ONE WEIGHS A POUND AND THE OTHER POUNDS AWAY!

Answers

1. TRIP, ROBE, IBIS, PEST.
2. 4 TIMES 10 = 40.
3. 4 TIMES 10 = 40.
4. GREEN GRASS GROWS IN GLASS.
5. Letter T.
6. HOUSES.

CHALKY



BAH! THAT JOKER NEEDS TEACHING A LESSON!



I'LL DO A QUICK SKETCH ROUND THIS SMALL HOLE! CHUCKLE!



AND... COR! THAT'S A FUNNY-LOOKING FLOWER!



GLOOP!



GRR! SO IT WAS YOU WHO SOAKED ME! JUST WAIT TILL I CLIMB THROUGH!



HOWEVER...

HO, HO! HE'S STUCK, CHALKY!



BUT...

HELP! SAVE ME!

Y-YIKES! HERE COMES HIS BIG MATE! HE MUST'VE HEARD HIM SHOUTING!



I'LL DO SOME MORE CHALKING BEFORE HE GETS HERE! CHUCKLE!



TEE, HEE! THIS SHOULD DO THE TRICK!



DON'T GET TOO CLOSE OR YOU'LL BE EATEN UP! WE GAVE IT TOO MUCH "WONDER GROW"!



HO, HO! YOUR TRICK PLANT WAS BETTER THAN HIS, CHALKY!

HELP!

